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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Acting ~~Director~~

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

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House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Hearing on Nicaragua: We continue to get suggestions that the session on Nicaragua set for 2 June 1987 is likely to be contentious. The line of questioning being pursued by Chairman Stokes (D., OH) in the Iran/Contra hearings strongly suggests that he believes the Agency has deliberately misled the Committee about its role in Central America and used deceptive testimony with the Committee when the Iran/Contra affair first broke open (he used the words "cover up"). He has specifically referred to a breach of trust between the Committee and the CIA. We will attempt to get greater detail as the date nears. [redacted]

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General Accounting Office (GAO): During another opportunity to discuss with Senator DeConcini (D., AZ) the issue of GAO audits of CIA accounts it developed that he had misunderstood Senator Boren's proposal for an independent audit capability within the Senate Intelligence Committee. Apparently Senator DeConcini thought the new capability would be located within CIA. Thus reassured, he seemed to indicate that GAO audits of CIA might not be needed. [REDACTED]

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Proposed Legislation in DCI, DDCI Tenure: Senate Majority Leader Byrd (D., WV) has submitted legislation to set the terms of office for the DCI and DDCI at seven years. The legislation also requires that either the DCI or the DDCI will not have served in the Agency during the previous seven years. Congressional staffers have not yet been able to assess the amount of Senate support for the legislation. They point out that Senator Moynihan (D., NY) offered similar legislation a few years ago. [redacted]

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